

Good Guardians make Good Guardianships

- Conservatorship Association of Tennessee



CAT Annual Training Conference

August 15, 2013

Event Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 Annual Membership Meeting – Dr. John T. Johnson, Ph.D., CAT President

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome, Announcements and Introduction of Sponsors

Jeanne Caudill, Program Chair and Joanne Bass, NCG

8:45 – 10:15 Changes in Tennessee Conservatorship Law

William M. Barrick, JD, NCG

This session will discuss changes enacted to the Tennessee conservatorship statutes and related legislation. After multiple public hearings, Tennessee law on conservatorship underwent substantial review by a committee of the Tennessee Bar Association. This Committee ultimately recommended many important changes to current laws regarding the court proceeding and the responsibilities of the appointed fiduciaries.

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Keynote “Abe’s Garden” Evidence Based Care for People with Alzheimer’s

Andrew Sandler, Ph.D.

Dr. Sandler will help us develop a greater understanding of Alzheimer’s disease, a disorder on the rise in America and in the rest of the world. Alzheimer’s affects a person’s memory, behavior and everyday bodily functions. With the improvements in medical care and technology, someone with Alzheimer’s may live with the disease for 15 years or more. That extended lifespan can require thousands of dollars for care. Dr. Sandler will help us recognize Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. He will describe treatment regimes that work best and the approach to care that Abe’s Garden community offers at its living facility.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 - 2:30 Ethics of Guardianship

Sally Balch Hurme, JD

CAT’s mission statement is that Good Guardians Make Good Guardianships. Ms. Hurme will discuss the newly revised Standards of Practice developed by National Guardianship Association (NGA) that define good guardians. She will draw on case studies based on her 20 years of advocacy for guardianship reform. Ms. Hurme has served multiple terms on the Boards of the NGA and the Center for Guardianship Certification. She was on the planning committee for the 2011 Third National Guardianship Summit and she is planning the 2014 World Congress on Adult Guardianship.

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 - 4:15 Ethics of Guardianship (continued)

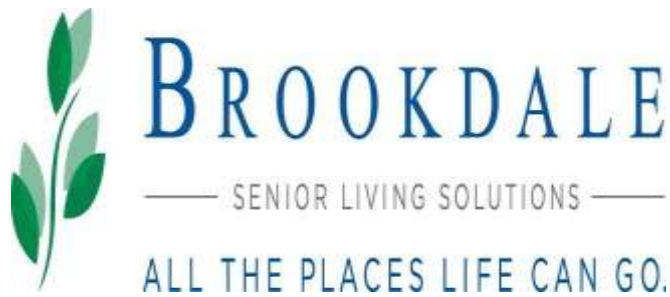
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or 6 hours CEU**

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William M. Barrick, JD, NCG

Bill Barrick is an attorney licensed to practice in all the Courts of Tennessee and admitted to practice in all Tennessee Federal Courts, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District of Columbia Court of Appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also a National Certified Guardian.

During 40 years of law practice, Mr. Barrick has served in a variety of public and private roles including Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee and Assistant Commissioner and General Counsel for the Department of Health. In those roles, he participated in policy development of many State and Federal programs including Food Stamps, Adult Protective Services, AFDC, TennCare, Medicaid and Medicare. He was also charged with the regulation and prosecution of health care facilities and various licensed professionals.

In private practice, Mr. Barrick has represented health care providers including nursing facilities, hospitals, home health agencies, physicians and hospitals as well as TennCare MCOs and BHOs. He has represented several associations and has authored and presented at both state and national conferences. In addition to his extensive experience with services to the elderly, for the past 12 years Mr. Barrick has dedicated almost all his efforts to issues concerning people with intellectual disabilities and their rights, supports and services.

Mr. Barrick is very familiar with conservatorship services in Tennessee. For several years he has been involved daily and on a state-wide basis with conservators for people with disabilities. His concern for the rights of vulnerable people and the need to improve the quality of conservatorship services led to his involvement in the formation of the Conservatorship Association of Tennessee. He was a founding member of CAT in 2008 and has served continuously as an officer and on the Board of the Association. Most recently he served as a member of the Tennessee Bar Association's Committee studying Conservatorship reform.

Sally Balch Hurme, JD

Sally Hurme is currently a Project Advisor with the AARP Health Education team that explains the Affordable Care Act and the Health Insurance Marketplaces. In her twenty years at AARP she has worked with many issues including consumer fraud, elder abuse, financial exploitation, surrogate decision making, advance care planning and financial security.

Ms. Hurme serves the boards of the National Guardianship Association and the Center for Guardianship Certification. She was honored by the National College of Probate Judges with the William Treat Award for excellence in probate law in 2008. At the 2010 World Congress on Guardianship held in Yokohama, Japan, she presented the Honor Lecture on the status of American guardianship reform. As chair of the National Guardianship Network in 2010-2011 she, along with Erica Wood, led the planning committees for the October 2011 Third National Guardianship Summit. With Kim Grier she is planning the 3rd World Congress on Guardianship to be held in Washington, DC in May 2014. Ms. Hurme was an advisor to the Uniform Law Commission in the drafting of the Uniform Guardianship Jurisdiction Act. She also was a member of the US State Department delegation that drafted the Hague International Convention on the Protection of Adults.

Ms. Hurme is a well-recognized spokesperson on guardianship reform with over 100 presentations in more than 35 states and lectures in Australia, Italy, Spain, Czech Republic, England, Moldova, Netherlands, and Japan. She has authored 17 law review articles on guardianship issues. She is the author of *The ABA Checklist for Family Heirs* and is writing a second *Checklist for Survivors*.

Ms. Hurme received her law degree *cum laude* from the Washington College of Law at American University and is a long-standing member of the National Guardianship Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Andrew P. Sandler, Ph. D.

Andrew Sandler is the Abe's Garden Executive Director of Park Manor and Chief Executive Officer of Abe's Garden. Dr. Sandler brings demonstrated leadership to all levels of the organization and is a tremendous asset to the development of Abe's Garden. From his experience as director of an Alzheimer's program, to his understanding of fiscal management and his practice as a therapist, Andrew embodies the skills needed to make Abe's Garden a national model of residential living and day care programs for those affected by Alzheimer's and dementia throughout the United States.

Dr. Sandler's recent experience includes:

- Assisted living director for Weinberg Community for Senior Living, including its dementia unit and adult day program, in Deerfield, IL.
- Served as Administrator of Maison Hospitaliere, a skilled nursing community in the French Quarter of New Orleans, LA. After Hurricane Katrina, he stayed with 60 residents and 30 staff members for five days at Maison Hospitaliere until transportation became available for an evacuation to Houston, TX.
- Directed the Westonian, an assisted living community in Weston, MA and a skilled nursing 41-bed Alzheimer's unit at the Glen Ridge Nursing Care Center in Malden, MA.

Dr. Sandler holds three graduate degrees, including a Ph.D. in Special Education from the University of New Orleans, a Master of Health Administration from Tulane University, and a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. He received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN.

Dr. Sandler taught at the University of New Orleans from 2002-2005 and was previously school psychologist for the St. John Parish School Board in Reserve, LA. He has written numerous journal articles that appeared in publications that include *Advances in Special Education*, the *Journal of Behavioral Education*, *The Urban Review* and the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*. His most recent work "American Tragedy: New Orleans Under Water" was published in *Callaloo* in 2007.

Dr. Sandler has served as a board member of the Gulf States Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and as the President of the Alzheimer's Association New Orleans Regional Advisory Committee.